



**TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT**



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT**  
**FOR THE YEAR**  
**1968**

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*Report Presented by:*

**The Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health  
Inspector**

AMENDMENT

to

SECTION 'C'

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Page 14 - Final paragraph commencing:

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should be substituted by the following:-

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# TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF THE AREA DURING 1968

## PREFACE

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I present herewith the Annual Report on the Health of the Area during 1968 drawn up on the lines suggested in Ministry of Health Circular 1/69 dated January, 1969. Included in the Report is the Report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

## STATISTICS

The Registrar General has estimated that the population increased by 590 persons to a total of 23,190 people. Births exceeded deaths by 8 persons so that the remainder of the increase in population was due to 582 people moving into the district. The number of inhabited houses increased by 25 to a total of 7,500 which means that an average of just over 3 persons lived in each house.

Both the standardised Birth and Death Rates showed a slight increase since 1967. The Birth Rate is higher than the National Average and the Death Rate equals the National Average.

As usual most deaths were due to diseases of the heart and circulation (58% of total) and Cancer caused approximately 18% of the total deaths. There were 9 accidental causes of death, only 3 being road accidents.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Surveyor again draws attention to the fact that sewer blockages occurred due to people flushing non rotting items such as polythene articles down the lavatory, and he appeals for public co-operation to avoid this hazard which wastes ratepayers money.

Further improvement in the refuse collection and disposal services are mentioned, and plans were being drawn up for more public conveniences.

The Public Health Inspectors made a total of 8,015 routine visits in connection with their duties in addition to maintenance work under the various sections.

New housing makes good progress and applications increased for Standard Grants to improve older properties. Progress was also achieved in dealing with unfit dwellings.

Regular routine inspections of food premises took place and at the slaughterhouses 17,376 animals were inspected, representing 100% inspection.

## INFECTIONS COMMON TO FARM ANIMALS AND MAN

Elsewhere in this Report is included a paragraph dealing with infections on farms. In the four large rural districts covered by your Medical Officer of Health (Kingsbridge, Plympton, Tavistock and Totnes) a marked increase has been noted in the number of infections on farms common to man and animals. Those in particular which occurred in 1968 were:— Anthrax, Salmonella Infections and Brucellosis. After each incident was reported to the Public Health Department the farmer was advised as to what to do to minimise the risk of spreading the disease to humans. There were 3 outbreaks of Anthrax, 70 outbreaks of Salmonellosis (one outbreak resulted in approximately 70 cases of food poisoning amongst humans) and 3 outbreaks of Brucellosis. Two of the Brucellosis incidents affected herds where the farmer was a producer retailer of raw untreated milk, and it was necessary to arrange for the milk to be pasteurised before sale to the public until the infection on the farms had been eradicated. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has a voluntary Brucellosis Eradication Scheme, but, although Devon is one of the foremost counties in getting farmers interested, I feel the scheme would be more efficacious if it were made compulsory or farmers were given more financial inducements to join it.

The Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health (now the Department of Health and Social Security) in his 1967 Annual Report states that “untreated milk is unsafe milk”, but whilst pasteurisation of infected milk renders it safe, how much better it would be to have uninfected milk to start with and not rely solely upon pasteurisation to safeguard human health.

Again I wish to thank all members of the staff, and the Council for their help and co-operation during the year.

JOHN WILDMAN

*Medical Officer of Health*

June 1969

# TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Committee was MR. A. A. W. BROWN with MRS. D. L. H. PINDER as Vice-Chairman, together with all other Members of the Council.

## PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

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## SECTION 'A'

### VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS, 1968

**TABLE 1**

(figures for 1967 are shown in brackets)

#### Population

Estimated mid-year Population of Tavistock Rural District 23,190 (22,600)

#### General Statistics (1st April)

Area of Tavistock Rural District in Acres ... ..	153,207	
Number of Parishes ... ..	26	
Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books	7,500	(7,475)
Number of Houses per acre ... ..	0.049	(0.049)
Number of Persons per acre ... ..	0.151	(0.148)
Number of Persons per house ... ..	3.091	(3.024)
Dwellings owned by the Council ... ..	1,054	(1,033)
Rateable Value of District ... ..	£713,403	(£697,540)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ... ..	£2,789	(£2,734)
Loan Debt ... ..	£1,877,900	(£1,811,111)

**TABLE 2**

(figures for 1967 are shown in brackets)

#### Births

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	17.8	(16.9)	
Area Comparability Factor for Births	... ..	1.20 (1.20)	
Number of Live Births:	Males	Females	Total
Total	187	157	344
Legitimate	174	153	327
Illegitimate	13	4	17
Number of Still Births	5	2	7
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	11.9	(11.2)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths	... ..	0.82	(0.84)
Number of Deaths:	Males	Females	Total
All Ages: Total	157	179	336
Death of Infants under 1 year	4	3	7
Number under 4 weeks of age	2	1	3
Number under 1 week of age	2	1	3
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	...	20.0	(3.14)

#### Comparison with Rates for England and Wales

Birth Rate ... ..	16.9	(17.2)
Death Rate ... ..	11.9	(11.2)
Infantile Mortality Rate (Infants under 1 year of age)	18.0	(18.3)



# PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES — CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1968

TABLE 1

Disease	Total	Age Group in Years					
		Under 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	Over 65
Whooping Cough . . .	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) . . .	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
Measles . . . . .	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia . . .	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

TABLE 2

Disease	Total	Incidence by Quarters			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Whooping Cough . . .	1	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) . . .	3	2	0	1	0
Measles . . . . .	5	0	1	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia . . .	1	0	1	0	0

# **CHEST RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE**

STATISTICS TAVISTOCK 1968

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total Number X-Rayed . . . .	267	313	580
<i>Abnormalities</i>			
Tuberculosis requiring treatment	—	1	1
Tuberculosis requiring observation	—	1	1
Tuberculosis inactive . . . .	12	18	30
Bronchitis and Emphysema . . .	1	1	2
Bacterial and Virus infections of the Lungs . . . . .	2	2	4
Cardio-Vascular Disease, Acquired	3	4	7
Pulmonary Fibrosis . . . . .	1	—	1
Pleural Effusion . . . . .	1	—	1
Pleural Thickening . . . . .	1	2	3
Bronchiectasis . . . . .	1	—	1
Diagnosis not yet confirmed . .	—	1	1
<i>TOTAL ABNORMALITIES</i>	22	30	52

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 AND 1951**

No action was necessary under the National Assistance Acts for the removal and detention of persons in need of care and attention, and no burials took place under Section 50 of the 1948 Act.

# CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1968

<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases . . . . .	1	0	1
B19(1) Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach	1	1	2
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus . . . . .	6	1	7
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm—Breast	1	6	7
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus	—	6	6
B19(6) Other Malignant Neoplasms, Etc. . . . .	23	17	40
B21 Diabetes Mellitus . . . . .	1	0	1
B23 Anaemias . . . . .	1	2	3
B46(4) Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc. . . . .	2	2	4
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	1	3
B27 Hypertensive Disease . . . . .	3	2	5
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease . . . . .	52	52	104
B29 Other forms of Heart Disease . . . . .	7	14	21
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease . . . . .	18	31	49
B46(5) Other diseases of Circulatory System . . . . .	7	7	14
B31 Influenza . . . . .	1	2	3
B32 Pneumonia . . . . .	8	15	23
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema . . . . .	4	2	6
B34 Peptic Ulcer . . . . .	3	1	4
B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia . . . . .	0	2	2
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver . . . . .	1	0	1
B46(7) Other Diseases of Digestive System . . . . .	1	0	1
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate . . . . .	3	—	3
B46(8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System . . . . .	1	0	1
B46(10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System . . . . .	1	0	1
B42 Congenital Anomalies . . . . .	1	1	2
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. . . . .	1	0	1
B45 Symtoms and ill-defined conditions . . . . .	1	9	10
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2	3
BE48 All other Accidents . . . . .	4	2	6
BE49 Suicide and Self-inflicted injuries	1	1	2
TOTAL OF ALL CAUSES . . . . .	157	179	336



## SECTION 'B'

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT

#### LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Plymouth (Telephone: Plymouth 63997).

#### COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

##### *Ambulance Service*

The Ambulance Service in the Tavistock Rural District is radio controlled from headquarters at Plympton (Telephone: Plymouth 36414). It is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

##### *Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres*

There are nine District Nurses and Midwives and four Health Visitors.

There are four Welfare Centres:

D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (Telephone: Tavistock 2617)

Methodist Schoolroom, Horrabridge

Ladies' Club, Princetown

Tinhay Methodist Schoolroom, Lifton

##### *Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisation*

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents.

First Friday in each month: Tavistock—morning and afternoon

First Monday in each month: Horrabridge—afternoon

Second Wednesday in each month: Lifton—afternoon

Fourth Wednesday in each month: Princetown—afternoon

##### *Home and Domestic Help Service*

Applications should be made to the Local Organiser, at D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (Telephone: Tavistock 2617).

A charge may be made for this service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

### *Mental Health*

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Social Workers in Mental Health, at Abbey House, Russell Street, Tavistock (Telephone: Tavistock 2253).

Help in respect of mentally sub-normal persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

### *Chiropody Service*

A County Council Chiropodist operates a Foot Clinic at the D.D.C. Clinic, 73 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (Telephone: Tavistock 3533). Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mother who might be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

### *Occupational Therapy*

There are two Occupational Therapists at the D.C.C. Clinic, 73 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (Telephone: Tavistock 3533).

### *Health Centres*

There are no Health Centres at present but it is hoped to build one at Yelverton in the near future.

### *Hospital Services*

The Rural District is served by the Plymouth and District Hospital Management Committee and there are hospitals at Plymouth and Tavistock.

### *General Practitioner, Medical and Dental Services*

There are thirteen General Medical Practitioners and five Dentists in the Tavistock area. The School Dental Clinic is at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock. (Telephone: Tavistock 2617).

## **OTHER SERVICES**

There is a Rest Room for the elderly in Duke Street, Tavistock, run by a Voluntary Committee.

There is one Welfare Home, Harewood House, Plymouth Road, Tavistock, run by the Devon County Council.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Tavistock are arranged by the B.R.C.S., Red Cross House, West Street, Tavistock.

Cytology Clinic Sessions for the early detection of cancer in women are held each month at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (Telephone: Tavistock 2617).

A Meals-on-Wheels Service, run by the W.R.V.S., operates in Tavistock and adjoining areas. The meals in Tavistock are cooked at Harewood House, and in the rural areas at the helpers' own kitchens. Enquiries should be made to Tavistock 2310.

## SECTION 'C'

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### WATER SUPPLY

The North Devon Water Board and the Plymouth Corporation Water Department both supply water to the Tavistock Rural District. The North Devon Water Board's supplies are at Prewley, near Okehampton and at Kilworthy, Tavistock. The Plymouth Corporation supply comes from various sources at Princetown, Dousland and Burrator.

The Chief Engineer (South) to the North Devon Water Board has submitted the following report for inclusion in this report:—

“The Board's treatment works at Prewley has consistently coped with supply demands to the Tavistock area, and in addition a wholesome supply has been received at all times from Kilworthy treatment works which supplements the supply to the Parish of Tavistock.

Mains extensions have been carried out where required and water supply schemes to serve housing developments have been undertaken.

The distribution system has been maintained in good order with the supply being un-interrupted. Satisfactory chemical and bacteriological samples taken at regular intervals have been obtained”.

In addition to the regular samples of water taken by the Water Authorities the department took 17 samples for bacteriological examination from private water supplies, of these fifteen received satisfactory reports. In the other two cases the occupiers of the properties concerned were advised on precautionary and remedial measures, and this action was followed up by further sampling which proved to be satisfactory.



DETAILS OF PROPERTIES SUPPLIED BY THE NORTH DEVON WATER BOARD  
IN THE TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Number of Domestic Properties</i>	<i>Number of Farms</i>	<i>Number of other Metered Supplies</i>	<i>Total Properties</i>	<i>Population Supplied (estimated)</i>
BERE FERRERS .	769	33	47	849	2555
BRENTOR . .	86	14	9	109	327
BRADSTONE . .	—	—	—	—	—
CORYTON . .	3	1	1	5	15
DUNTERTON .	—	—	—	—	—
HORRABRIDGE (P.T.)	173	5	1	179	537
KELLY . .	7	2	1	10	30
LAMERTON . .	119	28	7	154	462
LEWTRENCHARD .	45	12	6	63	189
LIFTON . .	289	16	16	321	968
LYDFORD (P.T.) .	112	11	5	128	384
MARYSTOWE .	15	5	2	22	66
MARY TAVY .	192	10	15	217	656
MILTON ABBOT .	91	14	2	107	329
PETER TAVY .	66	5	1	72	216
SAMPFORD SPINEY	37	5	1	43	129
STOWFORD .	32	12	3	47	141
SYDENHAM					
DAMAREL .	21	7	3	31	93
TAVISTOCK .	2337	—	6	2355	7053
TAVISTOCK					
HAMLETS .	77	28	8	113	339
THRUSHELTON .	9	9	1	19	57
WHITCHURCH .	58	6	1	65	195
TOTAL .	4538	223	136	4909	14741

**Fluoride Content**

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.10 parts per million.

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES SUPPLIED BY THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH WATER DEPARTMENT IN THE TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>	<i>Population Supplied (estimated)</i>
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM .	858	2757
HORRABRIDGE (part) . .	300	1050
LYDFORD FOREST . . .	110	385 + 600 (Prison)
MEAVY . . . .	159	530
SHEEPSTOR . . . .	13	53
WALKHAMPTON . . .	146	646

No properties are supplied by standpipes fixed on public mains.

### Fluoride Content

Samples of the fluoride content of the water has been found to contain between 0.019 and 0.062 parts per million.

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new sewage disposal works for Tavistock at Crowndale were almost fully operational by the end of the year. It is hoped that this scheme will be completed early in 1969.

Work is proceeding on the new sewage disposal works for Walkhampton and these works should be taken over by the Council in 1969.

Despite the Government's economic measures, work has continued in the preparation of plans for proposed sewage disposal works, particularly for Lewdown, Lifton and the Harrowbeer area of Yelverton, the scheme for Lifton being ultimately postponed due to the economic measures. It is hoped that the Council's persistence in pressing the Ministry will be successful, and that the Harrowbeer and Lewdown schemes will be commenced during 1969.

Maintenance and repairs to the sewage disposal works has been carried out by the Council's direct labour staff, and in addition work has been carried out by specialist de-sludging contractors.

Towards the end of the year delivery was taken of a new tractor and purposes designed trailer as authorised by the Council, and regular use is being made of this vehicle for the removal of sewage sludge. This problem is becoming ever increasing and it is anticipated that, with the provision of the larger tractor and an additional trailer, together with adequate labour, full time sludge removal can be effected.

There have been several obstructions to the Council's sewers throughout the district, all of which have been cleared within a few hours of notification,

*fourteen*

some instances necessitating overtime. In this context it is felt that if the Department was notified earlier in the working day of the majority of cases of choked sewers, the problem of overtime working would not arise, I must draw attention yet again to the large articles that are being deposited in the sewers, particularly non-rotting items, *e.g.* Polythene during the winter months can be a very hazardous operation. I feel that and in view of the introduction of British Standard Time, overtime working etc., which are the main cause of obstructions, and would appeal for the general public to take much greater care regarding drainage arrangements.

## **REFUSE COLLECTION**

Routine refuse collection has been carried out according to schedule by the direct labour staff, and additional bulk refuse collection, as directed by the Council, has been incorporated very successfully. Although this causes a considerable amount of work it is felt that this extra load can be justified, and the collection should be more frequent in order to cut down the possibility of these bulky items being deposited at random on open land, particularly moorland.

It is hoped to replace the "Karrier" Refuse Vehicle during 1969 with a modern vehicle having a much greater cubic capacity. This will obviate the use of the open lorry.

The refuse tip at Peter Tavy has been levelled, the fencing removed and the land returned to open moorland. The refuse tip at Cotts, Bere Alston, was closed temporarily during the summer months. The Council have resolved that the refuse tip at Cotts shall be closed for household refuse and shall be used purely for the disposal of builders' rubble and other innocuous materials. Considerable work was carried out at the refuse tip at Coryton including the re-surfacing of the entrance road. Following the granting of planning consent the refuse tip at Crowndale, Tavistock, was extended. This involved the laying of a large culverted drain to remove surplus water from the new tip area.

In view of the increased amount of building which is proceeding in the Dousland area, it is hoped that, when delivery is taken of a new refuse vehicle, collection in this area can be increased from fortnightly to weekly.

## **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

Preparation of plans are proceeding for proposed Public Conveniences at Postbridge, Brentor, Lifton, and the staging post at The Ace of Clubs, Lewdown, and also the modernisation of the defunct conveniences at Milton Abbot. It is hoped that the conveniences proposed at Postbridge and Lewdown will be operational during 1969. Vandalism has not been so great as in previous years apart from one act in Tavistock where the



convenience was set on fire necessitating renewal of fittings and complete re-decoration

Supervision of the cleansing of the conveniences was increased during the year resulting in infrequent complaints which is very gratifying.

## **SWIMMING POOL**

Regular visits were made to check and maintain the treatment equipment, and regular tests carried out to check pH and free chlorine. In addition eight bacteriological samples were taken from the swimming pool, one of which was unsatisfactory due to breakdown of the chlorination plant.

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE ON FARMS**

There have been seven notifications of outbreaks of Salmonella Dublin amongst farm animals in the district and two outbreaks of Brucellosis amongst dairy herds.

The Salmonella infections cause an enteritis in cattle sometimes resulting in death of the animal concerned.

Brucellosis contaminates the milk supply and if raw untreated milk is drunk by susceptible persons Undulant Fever may result.

In every case the Department has advised the farmer regarding personal hygiene as these diseases are transmissible to human beings. In the two outbreaks of Brucellosis arrangements were made to pasteurise the milk to render it safe for human consumption.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

The following table shows the number of visits in connection with various routine work in addition to maintenance work shown under the various sections:—

Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	582
Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	302
Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	91
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	279
Drainage Work	...	...	...	...	209
Tests on New Drains	...	...	...	...	172
Buildings in course of construction	...	...	...	...	755
Capital Work in course of construction	...	...	...	...	213
Council Houses	...	...	...	...	1351
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	248
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	380
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	255
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	743
Number of Plans submitted	...	...	...	...	652
Visits in connection with above	...	...	...	...	478
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	277
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	67
Swimming Bath	...	...	...	...	37
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	...	...	...	...	86
Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	...	6
Civic Amenities Act	...	...	...	...	48
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	784
Total :—					8,015

## SECTION 'D' HOUSING

Thirteen council houses were finished during the year and at 31st December, 1968 there were 32 houses in course of construction. It is hoped that authority will be given for the go-ahead of the estate proposed at Bere Alston shortly.

Private enterprise building showed a considerable increase over last year, there being 218 houses completed compared with 80 in 1967. At the 31st December, 1968 there were 113 in course of construction.

Three applications for Discretionary Grants were approved by the Council, the aggregate being £965. One Discretionary Grant was paid amounting to £200.

I am pleased to report that applications for Standard Grant increased considerably, 56 applications being approved. 39 Standard Grants were paid totalling £5,326 towards the cost of the provision of 35 baths, 33 wash-hand basins, 27 hot water supplies at three points, 12 hot water supplies at one or two points, 27 water closets and 23 food stores. Additional grant was paid towards the provision of 11 bathrooms, one piped water supply for the first time and 11 septic tanks.

Five dwellings were represented as unfit for human habitation under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1957; in two cases Demolition Orders were made and in the other three Undertakings were accepted, one of which was subsequently cancelled.

The Council continued to implement the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923, and Section 43 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, as amended, 23 applications being approved, 3 of which were subsequently withdrawn.

#### WAITING LIST FOR COUNCIL HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Total on Waiting List</i>	<i>Agricul- tural</i>	<i>Non Agricul- tural</i>	<i>Retirement Pensioners</i>	<i>No. with Separate Homes</i>
BERE ALSTON .	42	5	29	8	37
BERE FERRERS .	4	—	3	1	4
BRENTOR . .	4	1	3	—	4
CHILLATON . .	2	2	—	—	2
BUCKLAND					
MONACHORUM .	7	—	7	—	6
GRENOFEN . .	1	—	—	1	1
HORRABRIDGE .	54	1	39	14	47
LAMERTON . .	12	2	9	1	12
LEWDOWN AND					
STOWFORD . .	1	—	1	—	1
LIFTON . . .	17	2	14	1	14
LYDFORD . . .	1	—	1	—	1
MARY TAVY . .	5	1	3	1	3
MEAVY . . . .	3	—	3	—	3
MILTON ABBOT .	4	—	3	1	4
PETER TAVY . .	2	—	2	—	2
PRINCETOWN . .	2	—	2	—	2
SAMPFORD					
SPINEY . . .	—	—	—	—	—
TAVISTOCK . .	148	—	116	32	
WALKHAMPTON .	7	1	5	1	6
YELVERTON . .	16	—	9	7	11
MISCELLANEOUS	1	—	1	—	—
<b>TOTAL .</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>288</b>



# COUNCIL HOUSES IN THE RURAL DISTRICT

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Locality</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>	<i>Total Number in Parish</i>
BERE FERRERS . . .	BERE ALSTON .	131	
	BERE FERRERS .	10	141
BRADSTONE . . .	—	—	—
BRENTOR . . . . .	BRENTOR . . .	14	14
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM	YELVERTON . .	8	
	BUCKLAND . . .	47	55
CORYTON . . . . .	—	—	—
DUNTERTON . . . . .	—	—	—
HORRABRIDGE . . . .	HORRABRIDGE .	108	108
KELLY . . . . .	KELLY . . . . .	2	2
LAMERTON . . . . .	LAMERTON . . .	36	36
LEWTRENGHARD . . .	—	—	—
LIFTON . . . . .	LIFTON . . . . .	53	53
LYDFORD . . . . .	LYDFORD . . .	9	
	PRINCETOWN . .	24	33
MARYSTOWE . . . . .	NEAR LEWDOWN .	4	4
MARY TAVY . . . . .	MARY TAVY . . .	42	42
MEAVY . . . . .	MEAVY . . . . .	12	12
MILTON ABBOT . . . .	CHILLATON . . .	16	
	MILTON ABBOT .	8	24
PETER TAVY . . . . .	PETER TAVY . . .	14	14
SAMPFORD SPINEY . . .	SAMPFORD SPINEY	8	8
SHEEPSTOR . . . . .	—	—	—
STOWFORD . . . . .	STOWFORD . . .	4	4
SYDENHAM DAMAREL . .	—	—	—
TAVISTOCK . . . . .	TAVISTOCK . . .	454	454
TAVISTOCK HAMLETS . .	—	—	—
THRUSTELTON . . . . .	LOBHILL . . . . .	2	2
WALKHAMPTON . . . . .	WALKHAMPTON .	40	40
WHITCHURCH . . . . .	GRENOFEN . . .	8	8
		TOTAL	1,054

## SECTION 'E'

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the year 248 inspections of food premises were made. In instances where contraventions were found the proprietors of the premises concerned were requested to take remedial measures and further visits were made.

In addition a large number of inspections were made of the food stalls at the Goose Fair, and it was found that this year a great improvement had taken place in the facilities afforded to the stalls, which was very gratifying.

The principal food premises within the District are:—

Canteens	...	...	...	...	28
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	4
Butchers	...	...	...	...	31
Dairies	...	...	...	...	14
General Stores	...	...	...	...	110
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	7
Hotels and Guest Houses	...	...	...	...	57
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	44
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	36
Manufacturing Premises	...	...	...	...	7

### MEAT INSPECTION

There are 4 Licensed Slaughterhouses in the District and inspection of carcasses killed continues at 100%.

A total of 17,376 animals was inspected at the 4 slaughterhouses involving 582 visits to the slaughterhouses.

Full details of the animals killed and inspected and the carcasses and parts of organs condemned are shown in the table which follows:—

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number Killed (if known)	2093	88	91	6355	8749
Number inspected	2093	88	91	6355	8749
All diseases ex. Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: whole carcasses condemned	5	9	31	78	23
carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	557	49	5	581	930
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	26.8	65.9	39.6	10.4	10.9
Tuberculosis only: whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	69
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with Tuberculosis	.05	—	—	—	7.9
Cysticercosis: carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	19	—	—	—	—
carcasses submitted to treatment by refri- geration	11	—	—	—	—
generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—



## SECTION 'F'

### FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1968.

#### PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):

(i) *Factories without Mechanical Power* (sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6)

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	6
Inspections	...	...	...	...	6
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	0
Occupiers Prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

(ii) *Factories with Mechanical Power* (section 7)

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	70
Inspections	...	...	...	...	48
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	0
Occupiers Prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

(iii) *Other Premises under the Act* (section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers' Premises)

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	29
Inspections	...	...	...	...	35
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	0
Occupiers Prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

<i>Particulars</i>  (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred to H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>by H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding .	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature .	4	4	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation .	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors .	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences :					
(a) Insufficient .	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective .	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for the sexes .	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including Outwork) .	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL .	9	9	—	—	—

3. OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134).

<i>Nature of Work</i>	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	<i>Numbers of Out-workers in August list required by section 133 (1) (c)</i> (2)	<i>Number of cases of default in sending lists to Council</i> (3)	<i>Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
(1)						
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	3	—	—	—	—	—





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